

## Choral Anthem Texts

### **Gather Us In -words by S. K. Albrecht**

Gather us in, the meek and the mighty.  
Gather us in, the strong and the lame.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy.  
Gather us into Your heart again.

Gather us in, the rich and the lowly.  
Gather us in, the wild and the tame.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy.  
Gather us into Your arms again.

Though we are lonely and often lost,  
We know that you will guide us.  
We'll never hunger; we'll never thirst  
For you are here beside us.

Gather us in, all creeds and all colours.  
Gather us in, the fancy and plain.  
Gather us in and make our lives holy.  
Gather us in. Gather us in.  
Gather us into your heart again  
Gather us in and make us one.

### **You Shall Have a Song -words by H. I. Ziegenhals**

You shall have a song and gladness of heart,  
For music can joyfully our love to all impart.  
Lift every voice, play the flute and violin,  
And you shall have a song to sing,  
Alleluia.

Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands,  
Come serve him with gladness of heart and mind and hands.  
We are his children, he made us every one,  
And we shall have a song to sing.  
Alleluia!

Enter now his gates with thanksgiving and praise,  
For he is our God; let us serve him all our days.  
His steadfast love will endure to the end,  
And we shall have a song to sing.  
Alleluia!

### **Come to the Meeting Place -words by Roger Thornhill**

Come to the meeting place. Grace is there to greet you.  
Lift high a shout of praise. Make a joyful noise!  
Where there are two or more, we will worship Christ, the Lord.  
Come to the meeting place. Let us all rejoice!  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let each heart and voice be raised.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Come to the meeting place. Come to the meeting place.

Come to the meeting place. Jesus bids us gather.  
This day the Lord has made. Raise a joyful voice!  
Where there are two or more, we will worship Christ, the Lord.  
Come to the meeting place, let us all rejoice!  
Alleluia...

Come to the meeting place. Everyone is welcome.  
Here in this sacred space love will be our choice.  
Where there are two or more, we will worship Christ, the Lord.  
Come to the meeting place, let us all rejoice!  
Alleluia...

### **Every Valley Needs a Lily -words by J. M. Martin**

Every valley needs a lily, every garden needs a rose.  
Every canyon needs a river to help it bend and grow.  
Every wind needs a candle, every winter needs some snow.  
Every valley needs a lily, every garden needs a rose.

Every journey needs a shepherd who will guide upon the way.  
Every mountain needs a climber who will rise and meet the day.  
Every dream must have a purpose and a place to live and grow.  
Every valley needs a lily, every garden needs a rose.

Every heart must have some music, every cloud must have some rain.  
With each quest comes faith and wisdom. Every tear can heal our pain.  
We must learn from joy and sorrow. Life will teach us what she knows.  
Every valley needs a lily, every garden needs a rose.

### **World Peace Canon -old German canon; additional words D. Moore**

*Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem*

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace for every nation.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace for all creation.